

Laurie Saunders

Silly

- Laurie did her famous fish face: She pushed her ears out, crossed her eyes, and puckered her lips. (Strasser 3)

Straight "A" Student

- As usual, there were only two "A" papers, Laurie Saunders's and Amy Smith's. (Strasser 6)

Nervous

- In fact, there wasn't a single pen or pencil in her pocketbook that wasn't worn down from nervous gnawing. (Strasser 1)

Ben Ross

- He was "contagious," they'd say, meaning that he was charismatic. (Strasser 5)

- In the classroom where he taught history, Ben Ross crouched over a film projector, trying to thread a film through a complex maze of rollers and lenses. (Strasser 4)

- Some of them were impressed with his energy and dedication and creativity. (Strasser 5)
- One or two might even admit they were just plain jealous. (Strasser 5)

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Robert Billings



David Collins

- He was also Laurie Saunders's boyfriend. (Strasser 7)

Laurie
Saunders's
Boyfriend

- Ross, spotted David Collins, a tall, good-looking boy who was a running back on the football team. (Strasser 7

Running Back on
the football
team

- "I said it's over now. Forget about it. It happened once and the world learned its lesson. It'll never happen again